

DOCTOR • WHO

MINUS SEVEN WONDERS

PART ONE

EGYPT, 2375 BC...

HERE WE ARE, MARTHA - THE **GREAT PYRAMID OF CHEOPS!** OR AS I KNEW HIM, **PHARAOH KHUFU.** NICE BLOKE, YOU'D HAVE LIKED HIM. ANYWAY, THAT'S HIS **TOMB.**

AWESOME!

IT'LL BE THE **TALLEST STRUCTURE** ON EARTH FOR MORE THAN **FOUR THOUSAND YEARS...**

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IT'S MADE UP FROM **TWO MILLION** BLOCKS OF STONE, EACH ONE WEIGHING OVER **TWO TONS.**

IT MUST HAVE TAKEN **AGES.**

AND A WHOLE ARMY OF **SLAVES.** DID A **GOOD JOB,** THOUGH - YOU CAN'T GET A **KNIFE BLADE** BETWEEN ANY OF THE BLOCKS, THEY FIT TOGETHER SO **PERFECTLY.**

THEY WERE **BRILLIANT,** THE EGYPTIANS. GREAT MATHEMATICIANS. THEY WERE THE **FIRST** PEOPLE ON EARTH TO USE A **365-DAY CALENDAR.**

WE DID ANCIENT EGYPT AT SCHOOL, BUT **NOTHING** CAN PREPARE YOU FOR THIS. IT'S AMAZING, DOCTOR!

GNNURRRGGHHH!

HULLO - SOMETHING'S **SPOOKED** THE CAMELS.

DOCTOR! LOOK!

GNNURRRGGHHH!

THE PYRAMID - IT'S **VANISHING!**

BUT - THAT'S **NOT POSSIBLE!**





I DON'T *UNDERSTAND*. THE TEMPLE OF DIANA IS SUPPOSED TO LAST UNTIL AT LEAST THE *THIRD CENTURY AD*. AND BY THEN IT'S JUST A RUIN. IT *CAN'T* SIMPLY VANISH.

VRE-EE-EE-EE-EE

IT'S ON THE *SAME* TIME TRACK AS THE GREAT PYRAMID, *THOUGH...*



BACK TO THE TARDIS, THEN.

SORRY - CAN'T STAY. *BYE!*



WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE TIME TRACK.

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE *DOING*.

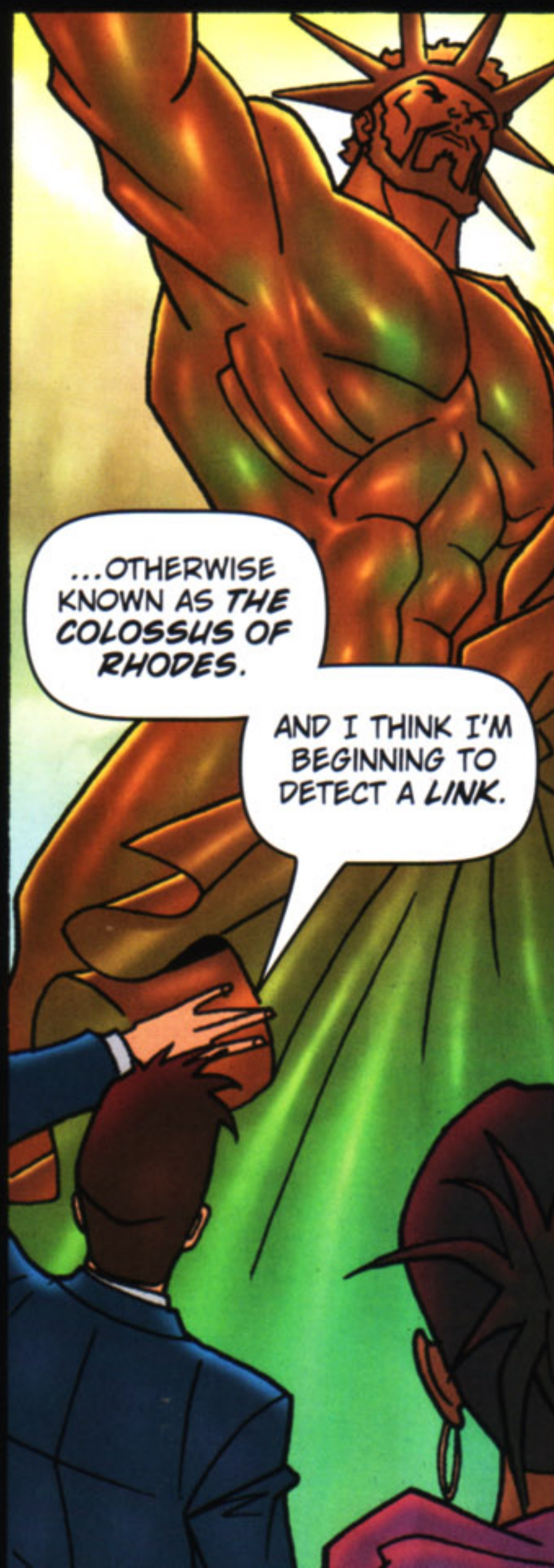
OF *COURSE* I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING. IT'S JUST A CASE OF SCANNING FOR THE *RIGHT TEMPORAL VECTOR*, AND THEN GETTING THE TARDIS TO *FOLLOW* IT ALL THE WAY TO...



...GREECE, 280BC!

NOW THAT'S WHAT I *CALL* A STATUE.

IT'S *HELIOS* ...



...OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE *COLOSSUS OF RHODES*.

AND I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO DETECT A *LINK*.



YOU MEAN *BEYOND* THE FACT THAT IT'S *DISAPPEARING* INTO *THIN AIR* LIKE THE OTHERS?

I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, MARTHA JONES. COME ON, THINK ABOUT IT - WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

IT'S THE **SEVEN WONDERS**, ISN'T IT? OH MY GOSH - SOMEONE'S **STEALING** THE SEVEN WONDERS!

THE **SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**! BET YOU ANYTHING...

THERE WE ARE - TOLD YOU!

THE **STATUE OF ZEUS AT OLYMPIA**, THAT'S GONE TOO! AND THE **MAUSOLEUM AT HALICARNASSUS**. FANTASTIC WORKS OF ARCHITECTURE, ALL **DISAPPEARING** FROM EARTH'S HISTORY AS WE WATCH.


WE'LL NEVER GET TO THE NEXT ONE IN TIME - THE TIME TRACK TO THE **PHAROS LIGHTHOUSE AT ALEXANDRIA** IS ALREADY **FADING**. BUT WE CAN **GUESS** WHERE THE TRAIL WILL **END**...

THE GREAT PYRAMID, THE TEMPLE OF DIANA, THE COLOSSUS OF RHODES, ZEUS, THE MAUSOLEUM - THAT'S **FIVE**. WHAT ABOUT THE **REST**?

THE **HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON**!

WOW! I WOULDN'T LIKE THE JOB OF PRUNING **THAT** LOT!

I'VE **ALWAYS** WANTED TO SEE THIS! NO ONE'S EVER WORKED OUT HOW THEY **PIPED** ALL THAT **WATER** UP FROM THE RIVER **EUPHRATES**.



LET'S HOPE WE CAN FIND OUT BEFORE IT ALL **DISAPPEARS**.

I PROGRAMMED THE TARDIS TO **ANTICIPATE** THE END OF THE TIME TRACK. WE SHOULD HAVE HALF AN HOUR OR SO BEFORE IT'S DUE TO BE **TELEPORTED** OFF THE PLANET.



TELEPORTED?



COME ON, MARTHA - YOU DIDN'T THINK THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD JUST VANISHED INTO **THIN AIR**, DID YOU?

NAH - THEY'VE BEEN **NICKED**. SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS USING A **HIGH-BANDWIDTH TELEPORT BEAM**. FORTUNATELY FOR US, THE RESULTING DISTURBANCE IN EARTH'S HISTORY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE TARDIS TO TRACE THE **SOURCE**.

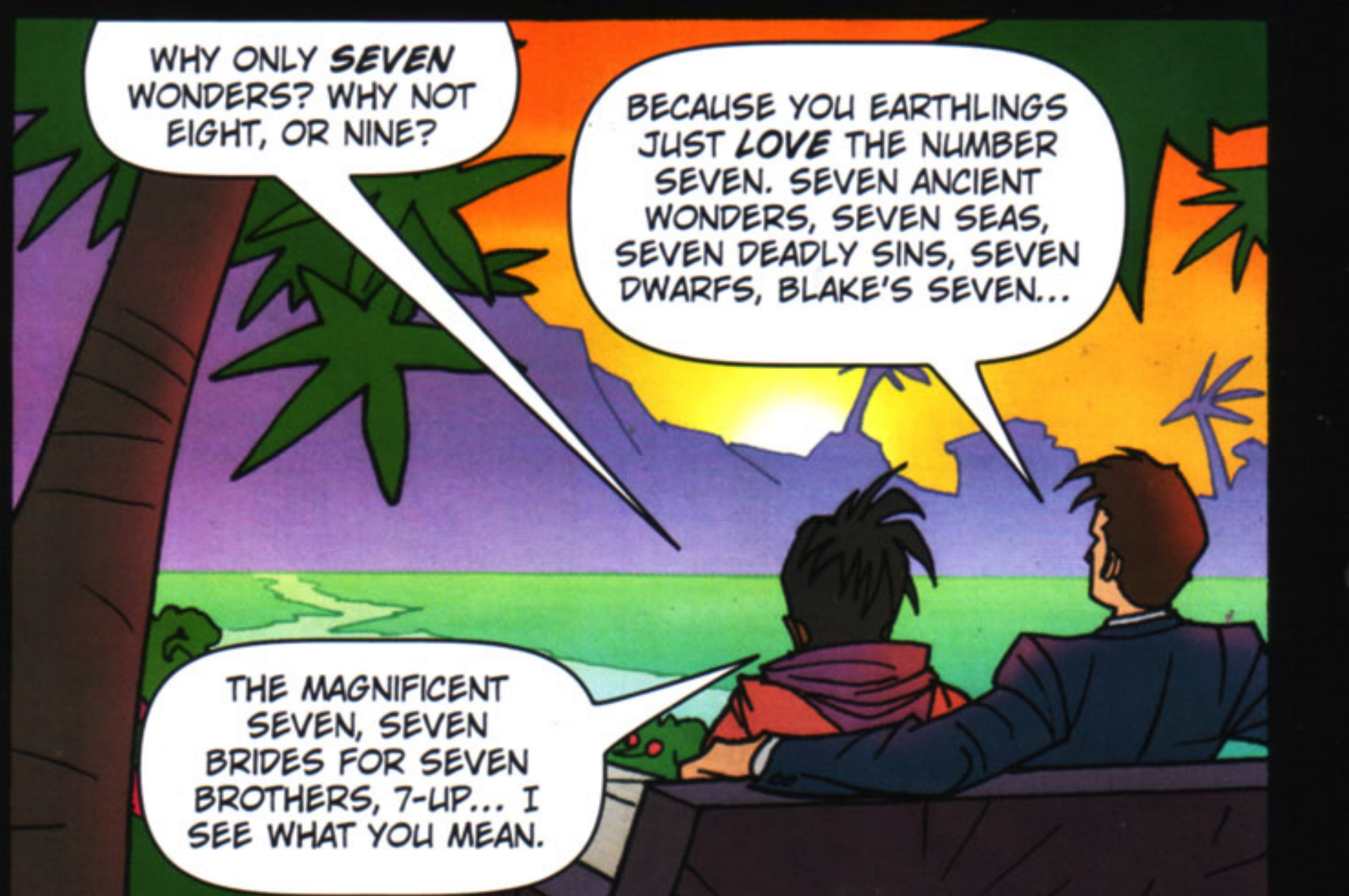
HERE?

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CHARACTERS LUGGING THE **FIRST SIX WONDERS** OF THE ANCIENT WORLD AROUND IN A SUITCASE.



THAT MIGHT BE **DIFFICULT**. IT'S HARD NOT TO LOOK AT ALL THE FLOWERS. IT'S **BEAUTIFUL** HERE, DOCTOR...

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR BUILT THIS FOR HIS MISSUS AROUND 600 BC, THE OLD SHOW-OFF. Y'KNOW, I THINK THEY PROBABLY USED **ARCHIMEDEAN SCREWS** TO GET THE WATER ALL THE WAY UP HERE...



WHY ONLY **SEVEN** WONDERS? WHY NOT EIGHT, OR NINE?

BECAUSE YOU EARTHLINGS JUST **LOVE** THE NUMBER SEVEN. SEVEN ANCIENT WONDERS, SEVEN SEAS, SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN DWARFS, BLAKE'S SEVEN...

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN, SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS, 7-UP... I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.



PSST! ARE YOU HERE TO BID FOR THE **SEVENTH WONDER**?

I CAN MAKE YOU A **GOOD OFFER** ON THE **WHOLE SET** IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.



I MIGHT HAVE
GUESSED!
A TALITHAN
SWINDLER!

EH? WHAT DID YOU
CALL ME? HOW
VERY DARE YOU!
WHAT A NERVE!

YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE
NERVE! DID YOU SERIOUSLY
THINK YOU COULD *FILCH*
SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS
LANDMARKS IN HISTORY
WITHOUT ANYONE *NOTICING*?



I AM PHOLONIUS
GINN - DEALER
IN ANTIQUITIES
AND RELICS. I'M
REGISTERED WITH THE
GALACTIC COUNCIL,
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW!

HERE IS
MY *CARD*.



HE'S *RIGHT*
- THAT'S WHAT
IT SAYS HERE,
DOCTOR.

IT'S *PSYCHIC*
PAPER. TAKE
NO NOTICE.



NOW IS NOT THE
TIME FOR HASTY
RECRIMINATIONS,
ER...

DOCTOR.

QUITE. YOU SEE, DOCTOR, I'M SIMPLY
RESPONDING TO *MARKET FORCES*.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF INTERESTED
BUYERS ON THE *GALACTIC*
HYPERNET LOOKING FOR *EARTH*
ANTIQUITIES - THE BIGGER AND
OLDER THE BETTER.

I'M ABOUT TO *SELL* THE
SEVEN ANCIENT WONDERS
AS A JOB LOT TO THE
HIGHEST BIDDER ON
G-BAY.

ER, DOCTOR...



...WE'VE GOT
COMPANY.

FZZZZZZZP!

PLEASE STAND ASIDE
- *EXCESS TRANSMAT*
ENERGY CAN BE
HAZARDOUS TO
ORGANIC LIFEFORMS.

WHO ARE
YOU?



I AM *SYLVEN*.

I REPRESENT
THE *FATKAT*
CORPORATION.

I AM HERE TO *PURCHASE*
PLANET EARTH - INCLUDING
ITS *ENTIRE HUMAN*
POPULATION...!

EEEEEEOOOOOWWWWWW!
CAN THE DOCTOR
SAVE THE SEVEN
WONDERS? FIND
OUT NEXT ISSUE!